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1. ONE BEIRUT PAPER -- PRO-SOVIET PRO-EGYPTIAN "ASH-SHA'B"--
COMMENTS TODAY ON SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S VISIT TO MIDEAST.
EXCERPTS OF EDITORIAL BY PUBLISHER AND CHIEF EDITOR
MUHAMMAD DUGHAN FOLLOW.

2 "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S POSITION
HAS HAD A DEEP EFFECT ON THE COURSE OF AMERICAN POLICY,
FOR AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEGUN TO WAVER OVER ITS
SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS' POSITIONS, WHICH THREATEN
AMERICA'S VERY IMPORTANT INTERESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD.
WE ARE TRULY HAPPY TO FIND THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS PUT ITS
FINGER ON THE SENSITIVE AREA IN AMERICAN POLICY AND
HOSTED SENATOR FULBRIGHT AT THE STATE LEVEL. HE HAS MET
H.M. KING KHALID IN THE PRESENCE OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD.
THIS MEETING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CLARIFY THE IMAGES THE
AMERICAN AND ARAB CONFEREES HAVE OF EACH OTHER. THE
AMERICAN SENATOR HAS HEARD AN ARAB STATEMENT, AND KING
KHALID HAS HEARD AN AMERICAN ONE; ALL THE STATEMENTS
WE HAD HEARD UP TO NOW HAD BEEN ISRAELI VIEWS EXPRESSED
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IN AN AMERICAN LANGUAGE* WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT. WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF
AMERICA, BUT AGAINST THE ZIONISTS OF AMERICA AND AGAINST
AMERICA'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTERESTS OF ENEMIES OF
FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH.... WE BELIEVE IN DIALOGUE
AND IN PERSONAL MEETINGS, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN PRESENT
AMERICAN POLICY.... WE WELCOME SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND
CONSIDER HIM AMERICA'S HIDDEN CONSCIENCE."
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